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The Security Council,

Recalling its previous resolutions concerning the situation in Côte d'Ivoire, in particular resolutions 2226 (2015) and 2219 (2015), and the statements of its President relating to the situation in Côte d'Ivoire, resolution 2239 (2015) on the situation in Liberia and resolution 2227 (2015) on the situation in Mali,

Taking note of the report of 8 December 2015 of the Secretary-General (S/2015/940), including his recommendation on the drawdown of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI),

Welcoming the successful holding of the presidential election on 25 October 2015 as a critical milestone in consolidating Côte d'Ivoire's long term peace and stability, *commending* the Government of Côte d'Ivoire for facilitating an environment conducive to a free, fair, peaceful, and transparent election, *further commending* the work undertaken by the Independent Electoral Commission to oversee this election and the important role played by the Ivorian security forces to provide security during the electoral period, and *congratulating* the people of Côte d'Ivoire for demonstrating their strong commitment to peace and democracy,

Welcoming the considerable and continued progress made in Côte d'Ivoire on the path of reconciliation, stability, security, justice, and economic recovery, *encouraging* continued efforts in this regard, including through deepening the partnership between the Government of Côte d'Ivoire and relevant United Nations agencies, and *recognizing* that while such progress has been achieved, some fragility remains,

Determining that the situation in Côte d'Ivoire continues to pose a threat to international peace and security in the region,

Acting under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations,

1. *Decides* to decrease the authorized ceiling of UNOCI's military component from 5,437 to 4,000 military personnel by 31 March 2016;

2. *Recalls* its request to the Secretary-General to provide to the Council no later than 31 March 2016 a report containing recommendations consistent with paragraph 25 of resolution 2226 (2015), and *expresses* its intention to consider these recommendations promptly, taking into account the situation in Côte d'Ivoire;

3. *Decides* to remain seized of the matter.

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